

Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians
Appropriations and Finance Committee
Meeting Minutes
February 6, 2008
Court Room 312

Call to order at 1: 40 p.m.

Roll Call: Councilor Shirley Oldman, Councilor Alice Yellowbank, Treasurer Gerald V. Chingwa.

Staff Attendance: Chief Financial Officer Valerie Tweedie (CFO), Legislative Office Manager Michele LaCount, Tribal Administrator Albert Colby

Guests: Councilor Melvin L. Kiogima, Legislative Leader Beatrice A. Law, Vice-Chairman Bill Denemy, Tribal Chairman Frank Ettawageshik

Motion made by Councilor Yellowbank and supported by Councilor Oldman to approve the Minutes of January 21, 2008 as corrected.

Review of the FY 2009 Budgets.

The Chief Financial Officer indicated there is approximately \$923, 000.00 in prior period funds, but does not include additional bills due in as of today.

Discussion regarding Community Grants, i.e.: Small Grants, Donations, Sponsorships and Political Contributions and how much should go back into the FY 2009 budget in order to accommodate Tribal Citizens.

2:30 p.m. Public Comment opened: Beatrice Law spoke regarding reconsideration for restoration to the Small Grant funding.

2:31 p.m. Public Comment closed.

2:32 p.m. Recess called.

2:40 p.m. Meeting reconvened.

The Tribal Administrator Albert Colby was asked to speak regarding Community Grants and how the money is modified between the individual line items. The Tribal Administrator stated the small Grants are geared for Tribal Member local events, (Christmas party). Group events are a maximum request of \$3,000 with individual (youth trips) at \$1,000. Business Grants offer seed money for start up costs and Donations, are for any entity that benefits the community.

The Tribal Administrator indicated the Tribal Chairman managers Sponsorships.

The Tribal Administrator indicated the donations line item could be eliminated and those types of entities could ask the Bear Creek Township 2% Board of Trustees. Business grants are now with the Office of Enterprise Management (OEM) for the FY 2009 with a restriction of the same applicant only being able to apply every other year.

The Committee indicated to combined Donations, and Sponsorships not to exceed \$10,000, and adjust Small Grants to \$15,000 and Political Contributions to \$10,000.

The Commission reviewed the Tribal Court budget; removed \$12,480 from the wage assessment line item. Cut \$1,000 from meetings and activities. Consultants reduced by \$10,000, Supplemental maintenance \$1,000 and drug and alcohol \$2,000.

The next meeting for the Appropriations and Finance Committee will be on February 13, 2008 at 1:30 p.m.

Councilor Oldman left the meeting.

4:21 p.m. Recess called.

Meeting reconvened.

The Committee indicated they wanted to ask the Appellate Court to come to the next Committee meeting by conference call and include clarification of the compensation Statute.

The Prosecutor budget was reviewed for previous proposed changes from the last meeting. The telephone line item was reduced by \$1,000 and not to include the purchase of a Blackberry.

The Election Board budget was reviewed and no changes were made.

The Tribal Chairman arrived and indicated he would like 45 minutes with the Committee at the next meeting to discuss issues from the last Tribal Council meeting regarding the fishery and elder's supplemental appropriations for FY 2008.

Motion made by Councilor Yellowbank and supported by Treasurer Chingwa to adjourn at 5:22 p.m.

2-yes, 0-no, 0-abstained, 1-absent (Councilor Oldman)

These Minutes have been read and approved as written:

Approved:

Gerald V. Chingwa, Tribal Council Treasurer

Date: